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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
KATSUMI OTSUKA) Examiner: J. Jeanglaude
Appln. No.: 10/814,510) Group Art Unit: 2819
Filed: April 1, 2004)
For: VARIABLE-LENGTH DECODING)
APPARATUS AND METHOD,)
COMPUTER PROGRAM, AND)
COMPUTER-READABLE)
STORAGE MEDIUM) March 24, 2005

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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S REQUEST FOR
SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION AND REPLACEMENT DRAWINGS

Sir:

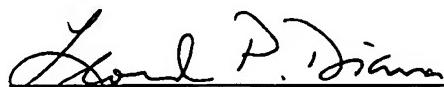
Applicant is filing this paper in response to the Examiner's request for a substitute specification and replacement drawings. The Examiner made this request on March 22, 2005 in a telephone conference with one of Applicant's attorneys.

In compliance with the Examiner's request, submitted herewith is a substitute specification, excluding the claims section. Please replace the specification presently on file with the substitute specification. Both a clean version and a marked up version of the substitute specification are submitted herewith. It is submitted that the substitute specification contains no new matter.

Also submitted herewith are three (3) sheets of replacement drawings to be substituted for the corresponding drawing sheets presently on file in the above-identified application. The new drawing sheets incorporate the changes required by the Examiner.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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